



Sea ice exiting the Arctic Ocean through the Fram Strait, between Greenland (left) and Svalbard, May 3, 2002. This export of ice into the Atlantic Ocean is equivalent in magnitude of fresh water to that of a river larger in size than any on Earth with the exception of the Amazon. Ice export through the Fram Strait has an important impact on oceanography in the north Atlantic. (Data from the MODIS instrument on the Terra satellite.)